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June 3, 1993

RE: Granville Solvents, Inc.  
Licking County

Mr. Doug Plunkett  
Village Manager  
Village of Granville  
118 South Main Street  
P.O. Box 514  
Granville, Ohio 43023

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 1993 concerning Granville Solvents. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is pursuing all options to move this site towards final remediation. However because of legal issues we have decided to refer the matter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for further action.

Granville Solvents is listed on U.S. EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS). A Preliminary Assessment, the first step in the listing process, has been completed for the site. Last year, the Ohio EPA requested that U.S. EPA complete a Screening Site Inspection, the second step in the listing process. The purpose of the Screening Site Inspection is to determine if Granville Solvents has the potential to be placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) or "Superfund" List. If it has the potential, a Hazard Ranking System score will be completed, the final step in the listing process. If Granville Solvents scores high enough to be placed on the NPL, the U.S. EPA will begin remedial actions at the site.

The U.S. EPA's non-critical removal program mentioned in your letter is designed to remove or stabilize contamination that is an imminent threat to human health. A non-time critical removal action at Granville Solvents would be used to prevent further migration of the contamination plume in the ground water. This is an interim measure similar to Ohio EPA's interim action program that removed the drums and underground storage tanks at Granville Solvents during 1991 and 1992.

However, under U.S. EPA's new approach to remediation, early actions typically do not involve ground water control measures. It is likely that U.S. EPA will decide that a full investigation and final remedy are the appropriate actions at Granville Solvents at this time. U.S. EPA might take an "early action" in the form of filtering the village's drinking water or providing an alternative water supply in the event that the village's water wells become contaminated. These decisions will be up to U.S. EPA in consultation with Ohio EPA once activities begin.

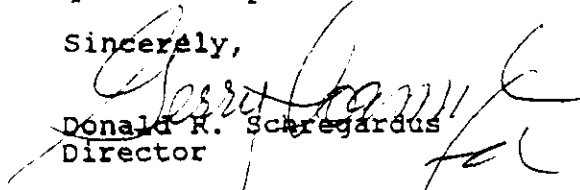
We have contacted the U.S. EPA about the site. We should be informed of their decision shortly.



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We will keep you informed of our progress. If you have any questions please contact Fred Myers at (614) 771-7505.

Sincerely,

  
Donald R. Schregardus  
Director

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